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New York A. C.
Defending Champion, Foil



Miss Janice Lee York
Faulkner School of Fencing
Defending Champion, Women



Dr. Tibor Nyilas
Salle Santelli
Defending Champion, Sabre



Norman Lewis
Salle Santelli
Defending Champion, Epee

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 16th to 23rd

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hearty congratulations to the Michigan Division! May the holding of the National Fencing Championships in Detroit inaugurate a new era of systematic rotation of the tournament among the leading centers of fencing in the United States! The Board of Governors of the A.F.L.A. has been hoping for this ever since 1939 when for the first time, due to the enterprise of the fencers of the San Francisco Bay area, it became possible to hold the nationals outside New York. But the war intervened, and it has taken us several years to regain the ground lost. We should now go forward: We should plan on scheduling an out-of-New York championship at least once in every four years.

Any responsible group within the A.F.L.A. may bid for the nationals by showing that adequate physical facilities and financial support are available to insure the success of the tournament. The largest financial item is the modest allowance for traveling expenses made to several outstanding fencers and to a small core of experienced officials. Since New York is our largest fencing center, it has a standing commitment to undertake the nationals whenever they are not awarded to another city. From the funds contributed to the treasury by New York fencers, an appropriation is made to help finance the travel of defending champions and sectional winners; and in cases where several leading fencers reside outside the New York area (e.g. our foilswomen in California), the appropriation is correspondingly increased. In substance, this is the type of financial support that any host city should be prepared to provide, in order to maintain the high quality of our national championships. Since 1952 is an Olympic year, it is likely that the tournament next year will be held in New York; but it is not too early to make plans for holding the 1953 nationals. Interested divisions of the A.F.L.A. should communicate with the national officers as soon as they are in a position to make definite commitments.

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The Nationals are here again and we want to urge all entries to check their equipment before they appear at the competitions. This is particularly important in the case of electrical epees and body wires. No one should expect to compete without having at least two weapons and two body cords in perfect condition; last minute repairs or adjustments are not practicable.

We join the President in his hope that this year's Nationals will be very successful and will begin a new era which will see the Championships rotated throughout the country.

The annual meeting of the A.F.L.A. is to be held on Tuesday, June 19th, at 11 A.M. The meeting is open to all AFLA members and we hope all fencers will take advantage of the opportunity to participate in this important gathering. National and Local problems will be discussed, and the exchange of views is important to the progress of our organization.

We wish to thank the various Divisions and Clubs for their support in this issue.

We are indebted to Arthur Wasek, of Detroit, for the cartoons and will welcome any future contributions.

CORRECTION

The Women's All Eastern Intermediate Team title was won by the Saltus-McBurney Fencing Club composed of Ida Balint, Aida Gormley, Dorothy Webber and Helen Webber. A composite team, listed as the winner in our last issue, took second place.

Our apologies to the Saltus Club for the error.

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The next issue will report in detail the National, Pacific Coast, South West, Mid West and All Eastern championships.



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| June 16—FOIL TEAM | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 17—EPEE TEAM | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 18—SABRE TEAM | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 19—ANNUAL MEETING | 11:00 A.M. |
| THREE-WEAPON TEAM | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 20—EPEE INDIVIDUAL | 10:30 A.M. |
| WOMEN'S TEAM | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 21—FOIL INDIVIDUAL | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 22—WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 23—SABRE INDIVIDUAL | 10:30 A.M. |

All events will be held at THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB, 17145 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Inquiries may be addressed to Mr. Howard Hayden, Chairman, Committee on Arrangements, 16167 Warwick Drive, Detroit 19.

The Defending Champions

Miss Janet Lee York, representing the Faulkner School of Fencing (Los Angeles), won her first National title last season. She was a member of the 1948 Olympic Team and has been a member of several national championship teams.

Mr. Silvio Giolito of the New York Athletic Club won the foil title after several strong bids which had netted him four third-place medals. He was Intercollegiate Champion in 1940 and was a member of the 1948 Olympic Team.

Mr. Norman Lewis of the Salle Santelli has held the epee title for three years in a row, a feat not accomplished since 1903. He was National foil champion in 1939, Intercollegiate foil champion in 1935, and was a member of the 1948 Olympic Team.

Dr. Tibor Nyilas of the Salle Santelli, sabre champion, has held the title on two previous occasions and has been a medalist every year since 1941. He was on the 1948 Olympic Team, the 1951 U. S. Team for the Pan-American Games, and holds the Pan-American sabre title.



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(Taken from The Manchester Guardian Weekly)

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WELCOME TO MICHIGAN

The National Championships are one of the events in Detroit's 250th Birthday Celebrations, so we suggest you make prompt hotel reservations. The Hotel Tuller will be the headquarters and can accommodate all the fencers, although the Statler, the Book-Cadillac, the Fort Shelby and the Detroit-Leland are within easy walking distance of the Tuller. Rates at the Tuller are:

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Coming across Canada? Kings Highway 2, 3 and 98 lead to Windsor, just across the river. The tunnel connects with downtown Detroit (Hotel area) whereas the bridge takes you 3 miles west of the center of town.

The fencing will be held at the Neighborhood Club, 8 miles from Detroit, in Grosse Pointe. A regular bus passes by the Tuller and a special bus will pick up fencers in time to meet the tournament schedule. The Club, at 17145 Waterloo, is on a road which is the continuation of Detroit's East Vernor Highway.

Eating facilities are available in a snack bar at the Neighborhood Club, and more substantial meals can be had at several good places in the vicinity.

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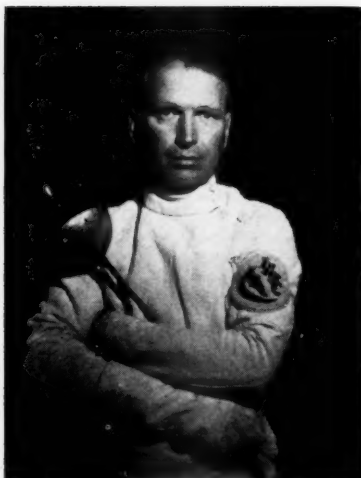
Entries should be sent to Dernel Every, 3406 Chanin Bldg., N. Y. 17 with duplicate list to Howard Hayden, 16167 Warwick Rd., Detroit 19, for purpose of listing your name in the program and assigning identification numbers.

For publicity purposes please send Byron Krieger, 7608 Mackenzie, Detroit, a glossy photograph and short fencing biography. We want lots of pictures (especially of pretty women fencers) and it is important to have photos and biographies of all present and past national champions.

Entertainment for non-fencers, and fencers not active, includes:

June 18—Trip through Ford Rouge Plant
June 19—Tour of Belle Isle
June 20—Steamer trip to Bob-Lo
June 21—Trip through Plymouth Plant
June 22—Cruiser trip to Lake St. Clair, guests of Norman Birnkrant
June 23—Visit to Canada for foreign shopping

Howard Hayden, Chairman,
Organizing Committee



FRED LINKMEYER

Fred Linkmeyer, of the Los Angeles A. C., has earned a high place on the Pacific Coast Fencing Honor Roll. His administrative and fencing abilities have won National recognition and he has contributed greatly to the development of our sport in the West. Since 1940 he has served continuously on the Executive Committee of the Division, as Secretary or Chairman, and has maintained an active role in national affairs.

Although he is presently First Vice-President of the A.F.L.A. and Chairman of the Southern California Division, Fred did not think much of fencing while at U.S.C. in 1928. In the fall of that year, however, fencing was the only sport available to him; he was too light for football (135 lbs, 5 feet 6 inches) and his high school specialty, track, would not start for three months. "After six weeks of being poked, I was sick of it," he says, "but then they gave me an epee and I struck gold."

By 1931, under the training of Prof. Henri J. Uytendhove, he was able to win both the Intercollegiate and Open Pacific Coast championships in epee. Today, still weighing 135 pounds, he is an experienced fencer with an impressive record. He has won the Pacific Coast championship eight times, been a frequent finalist in the Nationals and won a 2d and two 3rd place medals in them. He has been among the National First Ten five times. Although Fred prefers the epee, he has been successful in all three weapons and his name appears repeatedly on the many trophies won by the Los Angeles A. C. from 1932 to date.

His success in epee is due largely to his phenomenally rapid reaction speed, which was tested several years ago with a psychometer. He fences in a low crouch, and many of his touches are lightning-quick short lunges to the hand or wrist, generally underneath. But his biggest asset is a competitor's heart—an everlasting tenacity which wears down his opponents.

Dave Rice

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COMMENTS ON JUDGING

In previous issues we have discussed where a judge should stand and how touches should be called, what constitutes valid and foul touches in foil, and some of the rules for recognizing a proper parry.

We now would like to review some of the terminology used most frequently in the analysis of a phrase d'armes. Once again it is recommended that fencers and officials read the Rules Book carefully and frequently. The definitions offered here are based on the 1950 F.I.E. rules.

THE ATTACK normally initiates the phrase d'armes and consists of the forward movement of the weapon threatening the opponent's valid target. The threat may or may not be accompanied by a movement of the body; the extension of the arm is the sole test to determine whether an attack has been initiated.

THE POINT IN LINE is defined as a defensive threat wherein the arm is extended and the point of the weapon threatens the opponent's valid target. It is not necessary that the arm be completely extended or the elbow locked; the true test is whether, without further extension, the opponent will be impaled simultaneously if he attacks without first taking the blade. If the defender does in fact step forward or straighten his arm further as the attack is made, the director must take this as evidence that he was not truly in line.

AN INVITATION exists when a fencer exposes an open line within distance

of his opponent. This occurs when the distance is closed without extending the arm (an offensive threat) or without having previously had the point in line (defensive threat). Many fencers advance with the arm bent and then attack immediately after the advance. They are, in effect, making an invitation on the advance and the conventions of play require that they parry any offensive action of the opponent made during the advance or before they start the attack. This is true in both foil and sabre and the recognition of such a situation is frequently the difference between a good and a weak director.

THE TIME-THRUST (or time-cut) is a form of counter-attack executed by closing the line where the attack is intended to land while at the same time touching the attacker. In other words, the time-thrust carries the attacker's blade outside the target by opposition. When properly executed, this is one of the most satisfying touches a fencer can make, and certainly one of the prettiest to watch.

THE STOP-THRUST (or stop-cut) is also a counter-attack, but makes no effort to take the opponent's blade in opposition. This type of thrust, in order to be scored, must arrive clearly before the final movement of the attack. There must be an appreciable difference in time which is defined as "one fencing tempo."

A FENCING TEMPO is a variable, depending on the speed of the fencers in the particular phrase. Generally, it is the time required for the execution of a simple action by the faster of the two fencers.

The following variations of offensive actions are unfortunately too often confused by both contestants and officials:

THE REMISE is properly defined as a simple and immediate offensive action following the initial action (attack, riposte, etc.) without withdrawal of the arm. It is made in the same line as the original action and is used primarily to defeat a delayed or compound riposte. It is especially effective against opponents who open the line after making the parry and before starting their riposte. The remise should be judged on the same basis as the stop-thrust—i.e.—it must land one fencing tempo ahead of the riposte. The perfect remise, of course, is one which blocks the line of the riposte as in the time-thrust.

A CONTINUATION is the finish of an action after it has been parried, arriving in the same line. This is not really a remise, because the latter is a premeditated or conscious action while the continuation is an involuntary movement. Continuations which land with the point may be scored, but the distinction between a continuation and a remise becomes important in sabre where the continuation of a cut is really a "fall-through" or "cut-through" which lands when the parry is released to make the riposte. (A cut to the head being parried and falling on the mask when defender makes his riposte.) The cut-through ought not to be scored.

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THE REDOUBLEMENT, as in the case of the remise, is made after the original action has failed and is made without resuming the on guard position. The redoublement, however, is a renewed attack involving either a change of line or a pressure or beat on the opponent's blade. A continuation in the same line preceded by a beat of the opponent's blade is a redoublement if the riposte has not started before the beat is made; if the beat is made **after** the riposte has been started, but before it lands, the action should be recognized as a counter-riposte. However, if a man who has been parried bends his arm and then thrusts again without having met his opponent's blade, he is merely jabbing or at best making a redoublement. Care should be taken not to construe such actions as counter-ripostes lest the riposte be deprived of its right of way if it scores within the same fencing tempo.

THE REPRISE is a completely new attack executed after a momentary return to the on guard position. The return to on guard may of course be made by bringing up the back foot to maintain a close fencing distance. The only real difference between the redoublement and the reprise, therefore, is the momentary return to the on guard position which labels the reprise a completely new attack rather than a renewal of one which has failed.

Jose de Capriles

DON'T FORGET!

... FENCERS

- THAT to be ready to fence at the scheduled time is the first basic action you should perfect;
- THAT you should answer the Director when he asks: "ready";
- THAT you may not start to fence before the Director has given the command;
- THAT you must not stop fencing until the Director calls a halt;
- THAT you may acknowledge a touch as soon as it lands;
- THAT you must remain silent while an analysis and decision is being made;
- THAT you may not acknowledge a touch once a decision has been made;
- THAT you must remain near the strip on which you are fencing;
- THAT you owe absolute obedience and respect to the Director;
- THAT mock politeness towards the jury or your opponent is objectionable;
- THAT losing your temper will not improve your efficiency;
- THAT if your fencing is "clean" decisions will invariably be made correctly.

... JUDGES

- THAT a knowledge of fencing theory and practice is indispensable to a Judge—fairness and good intentions are not enough;
- THAT if you judge efficiently the fencers will have confidence in you;
- THAT you must not enter into discussions with the fencers;
- THAT in order to command discipline from others you must be well disciplined yourself;

THAT the fencers you are watching must never leave your line of vision;

THAT you must immediately notify the Director, by raising your hand, when you see that the fencer you are watching has been touched;

THAT concentration is the best means of avoiding mistakes.

... DIRECTORS

THAT you should always be firm and decisive;

THAT you should state clearly what you have to say;

THAT you should not be distracted by the audience;

THAT you should listen only to your conscience in enforcing a rule;

THAT your powers are well established and you do not have to invent any;

THAT if you and the Judges use the same fencing language the decisions become comparatively simple;

THAT your authority must be absolute regardless of the fame or ability of the contestants;

THAT the competition will be shorter if your explanations are better—that is to say briefer;

THAT you should ask precise questions to get concise answers, which is the mark of a perfect Director.

(This catechism has been taken from a publication of the Royal Fencing Academy of Belgium.)



Byron Krieger

(Ed. Note: Byron Krieger has been the strongest, most consistent competitor developed in the Mid-West, and was a member of the Pan American Team to Buenos Aires. We have asked Mr. Howard Hayden, one of the men responsible for the growth of fencing in that area, to give us his impressions of Byron.)

It is with decidedly mixed feelings that I recall the time I first crossed blades with Byron Krieger. I was 33 and had been fencing 12 years; he was half my age and in his first year of competition. The score was 5-0 in his favor. Bea Marriam, his coach, had said, "There's a new fencer in my class and he looks very good." What an understatement! I had never met anyone who could deceive my beats so easily, could thrust so accurately, could time his movements with such precision. . . . "Looks good," she'd said!

Byron was born in 1920 and started to fence in 1935. He entered AFLA competition in 1937 and in his first year took third in foil in the Michigan Open Championships. When he was 20 he took his first Mid-West Championship (in foil) and placed third in sabre. Since that time he has taken 18 State Championships and 13 Mid-West titles, and has attained National first-ten ranking in one or another of the weapons eight times.

In common with other ranking fencers, Byron is active in the administration of fencing. He has held office in the Mid-West, in the Michigan Division, and in the Salle de Tuscan to which he has belonged for many years. Quietly, efficiently, he has performed his duties and impressed all with his adherence to principle and gentlemanly conduct. Would that all fencers possessed these attributes!

What does Byron need to take his place among the truly great? He fences best against good competition; his experience has been predominantly Mid-West, against fencers who are good but not the best. So much as I hate to say it, for I would be losing a good friend, Byron should transfer his residence to New York where two or more times a week he could cross blades with the best the country has to offer. The time is ripe; Byron has reached his peak in the Mid-West.

Howard Hayden

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SALLE SANTELLI WINS LYONS TROPHY

The Salle Santelli (Allan Kwartler and Tibor Nyilas) defeated the Fencers Club (Abram Cohen and Jose de Capriles) 5-0 in a fence-off for the beautiful trophy "The Deul." The two teams received gold and silver medals from the sponsor of the epee-sabre event, Mr. Arthur S. Lyons.

Unfortunately only four teams entered this interesting event. The disappointing turn-out was due largely to the fact that only one team is permitted from each club and the colleges have already ceased operations. Each man must fence epee and sabre against his opponents, and the event is conducted as a round-robin. The New York A. C., defending the trophy, was unable to produce a teammate for James Flynn who put up a gallant but hopeless fight.

Summary

Salle Santelli d. N.Y.A.C. 6-2, Haudegen 5-0, and tied Fencers Club 4-4; Fencers Club d. N.Y.A.C. 7-1, Haudegen 5-1, and tied N.Y.A.C. 4-4.

Fence-off: Salle Santelli d. Fencers Club 5-0.

FOIL TITLE GOES TO FENCERS CLUB

The Fencers Club "A" team (Bukantz, Ettinger, Lubell, Steinhart) was undefeated in its defense of the Metropolitan Foil Team crown. Seven teams competed. Lubell starred for the victors, winning 9 out of 10. The final of four included the Fencers Club "B," the Salle Santelli and the N.Y.A.C. Since only one team may qualify for the Nationals, a fence-off for the fourth place was held between Saltus and Mercado with the former winning 5-4.

Final Round

Fencers Club "A" d. Salle Santelli 4-2; **Fencers Club "B"** 5-1 and NYAC 5-4; **Fencers Club "B"** d. Salle Santelli 5-4; **Salle Santelli** d. NYAC 5-4.

FENCERS CLUB "A" WINS EPEE TITLE

The Fencers Club "A" team (Skrobisch, Strauch, Vebell, J. de Capriles) won the Metropolitan Championship from a field of six and was undefeated in the final round of four. The deciding match found the victors trailing the Salle Santelli 4 bouts to 1, but they showed true championship form in winning the last four bouts with only 3 touches scored against them. Surprising strength was shown by the trio from Mercado, a new-comer to final rounds of major competitions. The Saltus Club was eliminated in the first round on the count of bouts after a tie with the Champions and the N.Y.A.C.

Final Round

Fencers Club "A" d. Mercado 5-4, N.Y.A.C. 5-1, Santelli 5-4; **Salle Santelli** d. Mercado 5-1, N.Y.A.C. 5-4.

SALLE SANTELLI WINS SABRE CROWN

The Santelli team "A" (Gorlin, Kwartler, Nyilas, Worth) regained the Metropolitan title from a field of eight. The winners' superiority was so marked that they dropped only four bouts in the five matches they fenced. Unfortunately the defending champions, Fencers Club "A," were represented by only two men in the final round-robin. In addition to the champions, the Fencers Club, New York A. C. and Saltus Club qualified for the Nationals. The Saltus Club defeated Mercado 5-4 for the last qualifying place, as they did in the foil team event.

Final Round

Salle Santelli d. New York A.C. 5-2, Fencers Club "A" 5-1, Fencers Club "B" 5-0; **New York A. C.** d. Fencers Club "B" 5-3; Fencers Club "B" d. Fencers Club "A" 5-2.



JAECKEL WINS MASTERS


Tracy Jaekel, Fencers Club, won the third annual Masters Tournament with 7 victories in a double round-robin of one-touch epee bouts. Jaekel, who for many years has been a top-notch epee fencer, received the J. Sanford Saltus dress sword and the Miguel de Capriles gold medal.



This tournament is limited to members of an Olympic Team and men who have placed at least twice in a National Championship. Due to illness several entries were unable to compete and the event became a round-robin of six, with the following results:

1. Tracy Jaekel, Fencers Club, 7-3
2. Jose de Capriles, Fencers Club, 6-4
3. Alfred Skrobisch, Fencers Club, 5-5*
4. Miguel de Capriles, Fencers Club, 5-5*
5. Jean V. Grombach, New York A. C., 4-6
6. Pieter Mijer, Salle Santelli, 3-7

(*) Skrobisch d. M. de Capriles for 3rd place.






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NEIL LAZAR WINS THREE-WEAPON TITLE

Neil Lazar, Salle Santelli, won the All-Eastern crown and received the President's gold medal. The strong left-hander, who placed second in 1949, thus succeeds Tibor Nyilas who had held the title for three years. Abram Cohen, Fencers Club, eliminated Nyilas on his way to the final but was not able to cope with the determined Lazar. The first round was held on a pool basis with two out of three qualifying. This departure from the normal direct elimination produced a curious situation. In one pool Lazar defeated his club-mate Kevis Kapner who in turn defeated Cohen; Lazar and Cohen would then have met each other at this point, but Kapner's withdrawal permitted them to delay the show-down until the final.

Each man must fence his opponent for a total of 5 touches in each weapon, so that the one who scores 8 touches is declared the winner.

Scores

Neil Lazar d. Kapner 8-5; Steere 8-7; Vebell 8-6; Cohen 8-5; Abram Cohen d. Nyilas 8-5; Kwartler 8-4; Edward Vebell, Fencers Club, d. Gray 8-0; Strauch 8-7; Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli d. Flynn 8-3; Bavuso 8-6; Kevis Kapner, Salle Santelli, d. Cohen 8-5; Capt. Richard Steere, USN, d. Bavuso 8-4; James Flynn, NYAC, d. Gray 8-2.

METROPOLITAN QUALIFYING ROUND

Women

Twenty-two girls competed for eight qualifying places for the All-Eastern Open and National Open championship. The following were successful: Mrs. Funke, Miss Doerschuk, Miss Jaunch (Fencers Club); Miss Cohen, Miss Rothman (Salle Santelli); Mrs. Gormley (Saltus Club); Miss Aboulafia and Miss Sokol (unattached). Miss Branchard (center) and Miss Balint (Saltus) were named first and second alternates.

Miss Eve Cohen, Salle Santelli, went through undefeated.

Foil

Thirty men entered the qualifying round for the All-Eastern and National events. The eight qualifiers are: Albert Axelrod, Allan Kwartler, Neil Lazar and Robert Nielsen (Salle Santelli); Leo Kellerman, Evan Quinn, Isaac Sanders (Fencers Club); Jack Oldstein (Mercado). Leonard Turke, Mercado, was named alternate.

Albert Axelrod, Salle Santelli, was the only one undefeated.

Sabre

Twenty-five competed for the eight places in the All-Eastern and National Championship rounds. Qualifiers were: George Worth, Jack Gorlin, Sol Gorlin, Robert Blum, Allan Kwartler (Salle Santelli); Abram Cohen (Fencers Club); Ralph Marson (New York A. C.); Wilfred Ritayik (Saltus Club). Arthur Spingarn, Fencers Club, was chosen alternate. George Worth, Abram Cohen and Jack Gorlin were undefeated in the two rounds.

Epee

Twenty-two competed in the qualifying round, and the following were successful: Frank Bavuso, Isaac Sanders, Alfred Skrobisch, August von Munchhausen (Fencers Club); Pieter Mijer, Paul Moss (Salle Santelli); Robert Bernard, William Thomas (N. Y. U.). Allan Kwartler, Salle Santelli, was named first alternate.

History of N.C.C.A. Fencing

By CHARLES SCHMITTER

Coach, Michigan State College

(Ed. Note: The following has been taken from an article by Mr. Schmitter, appearing in the Swordmaster's Bulletin, issued by the National Fencing Coaches' Association of America.)

The number of colleges in the National Collegiate Athletic Association which had fencing in their programs prompted the creation of an annual N.C.A.A. fencing championship.

The first of these events was held at Ohio State University (Columbus) on March 29th, 1941. Nineteen colleges were represented by the seventy-eight entries, and prizes were awarded to the first three men in each weapon. Yale University donated a permanent trophy for the high-scoring school.

Results:

Foil:

1. Edward McNamara, Northwestern
2. Warren Malik, Illinois
3. Morris Rudolf, Rutgers

Epee

1. C. H. Boland, Illinois
2. P. Hauser, Case
3. Howard Baker, Washington U.

Sabre

1. William Meyer, Dartmouth
 2. Joseph Malkup, Chicago
 3. Robert Schmidt, Yale
- Winning School—Northwestern 28½ pts.

The Second Annual Championships were held at Washington University (St. Louis) on March 28, 1942. Only eleven colleges were represented by the fifty-six entries.

Results:

Foil

1. Byron Krieger, Wayne
2. Andre Deladrier, St. Johns
3. Ivan Gilbert, Ohio State

Epee

1. Ben Burtt, Ohio State
2. Andre Deladrier, St. Johns
3. Vincent Bower, Washington U.

Sabre

1. Andre Deladrier, St. Johns
 2. Bill Hunt, Ohio State
 3. Morris Rudolf, Rutgers
- Winning School—Ohio State 34 pts.

The Third Championships were not held until 1947 because of the War. They were then held at the University of Chicago on April 12, 1947 and fifteen colleges participated. Four places were awarded medals in each weapon.

Results:

Foil

1. Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.*
 2. Robert Kaplan, N.Y.U.*
 3. Oscar Parsons, Temple*
 4. Leon Strauss, Chicago
- *Triple tie required two fence-offs.

Epee

1. Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.
2. Leon Strauss, Chicago
3. Robert Kaplan, N.Y.U.
4. Richard Seaman, M.I.T.

Sabre

1. Oscar Parsons, Temple
 2. Alphonse Sully, N.Y.U.
 3. Ray Siever, Chicago
 4. Myron Matzkin, N.Y.U.
- Winning School—N.Y.U. 72 pts.

The Fourth Annual event was held at the U. S. Naval Academy (Annapolis) on April 3, 1948. Thirty colleges entered, and it became necessary to limit each school to one entry per weapon. This rule is still in effect. Another innovation which is still followed is that coaches,

professional and amateur, are used as officials.

Results:

Foil

1. Albert Axelrod, C.C.N.Y.
2. Robert Kaplan, N.Y.U.
3. Arthur Cohen, Chicago
4. William Shuster, Army

Epee

1. William Bryan, Navy
2. Richard Bowman, Army
3. John Hughes, Princeton
4. Donald Thompson, Chicago

Sabre

1. James Day, Navy
 2. Hamilton Millard, Cornell
 3. Gerald Bruce, Detroit
 4. Richard Watson, Wayne
- Winning School—C.C.N.Y. 30 pts.

The Championships for 1949 (Fifth) were held at the U. S. Military Academy (West Point) on March 25 and 26. A full round-robin of thirty colleges was held.

Results:

Foil

1. David Tedeschi, Rutgers
2. Robert Nielson, Columbia
3. Francois Kramer, C.C.N.Y.
4. Joseph Cagnina, N.Y.U.

Epee

1. Richard Bowman, Army
2. Donald Thompson, Chicago
3. Howard Trent, Yale
4. William Bryan, Navy

Sabre

1. Alex Treves, Rutgers
 2. Eugene Natanblut, C.C.N.Y.
 3. Howard Taxel, N.Y.U.
 4. Richard Watson, Wayne
- Winning School—Tie between Army and Rutgers 63 pts.

The Sixth Championships were held at Wayne University (Detroit) on March 24 and 25, 1950. Thirty-three colleges competed.

Results:

Foil

1. Robert Nielson, Columbia
2. Jack Oldstein, Brooklyn
3. William Lacey, Michigan State
4. Francois Kramer, C.C.N.Y.

Epee

1. Thomas Stuart, Navy
2. Larry Greenhaus, N.Y.U.
3. Eugene Bassin, C.C.N.Y.
4. Winfred Overholser, Harvard

Sabre

1. Alex Treves, Rutgers
 2. Richard Watson, Wayne
 3. Albert Blum, Trinity
 4. Chambless Johnston, Princeton
- Winning School—Navy 67½ pts.

GREETINGS . . .

From the

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Chairman

HAROLD NEWTON
Secretary



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF AFLA ANNUAL MEETING

To all members of the A.F.L.A.:

Please take notice that the Annual Meeting of the League will be held in Detroit, Michigan, at the Neighborhood Club, 17145 Waterloo, on Tuesday, June 19, 1951 at 11 A.M.

The agenda of the meeting includes the following items requiring a vote of the membership:

1. Amendment of Section 2, Article III of the Constitution, (Definition of an Amateur Fencer"), proposed at the 1950 annual meeting, to qualify as amateur fencers certain teachers of physical education.

2. Amendment of Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution, proposed at the 1950 annual meeting, to add the Foreign Secretary to the list of elected officers of the League.

3. Amendment of the By-Laws to define the duties of the Foreign Secretary (if the foregoing amendment is approved), and to conform the By-Laws to the creation of the new elective office.

4. Election of the Nominating Committee for national officers to serve during the 1952-53 fencing season.

All members of the A.F.L.A., except student members, are entitled to vote in person or by proxy on the above matters. Any voting member who is unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person is requested to sign and return the enclosed proxy as soon as possible.

The meeting will also elect the National Officers for the 1951-52 season, but in view of the fact that there is only one nomination for each office, the Secretary will cast one ballot for each of the nominees.

Further details of the proposed amendments, and of the position of the present officers with respect to these amendments are given below.

DERNEL EVERY, Secretary.

I Amendment to Definition of an Amateur.

Section 2, Article III of the Constitution now reads as follows:

"An Amateur Fencer is one who has not accepted directly or indirectly any fee, gratuity, money or its equivalent as a consideration for the performance of any act or service arising from his knowledge or skill in fencing; and who is not and has not been a professional in any other branch of athletics. The above, however, shall not apply to writing, editing or publishing articles, magazines or books on fencing."

The proposed amendment would add the following sentence to the above:

"Anything in this section contained to the contrary notwithstanding, duly certificated teachers of physical education who do not teach fencing or coach any other athletic team are exempt from the provisions of this article and, if otherwise eligible, may compete as amateur fencers."

Views of present officers: The present officers of the A.F.L.A. oppose this amendment in the belief that teachers of physical education who instruct in any branch of athletics are professional athletes, and the fact that they do not happen to teach fencing or be the coaches of athletic teams should not qualify them as amateur fencers. The amendment would deteriorate the position fencing has held in the eyes of all amateur sports, where at present it is looked upon as the model of true amateurism.

Unless instructed to the contrary, the present officers will vote all proxies received by them against the adoption of this amendment.

II The Office of Foreign Secretary

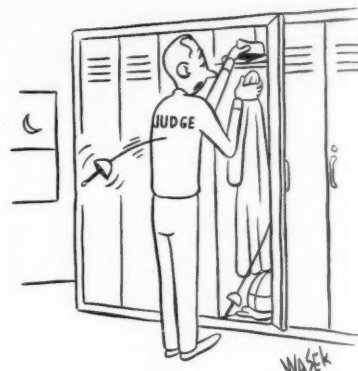
The second amendment proposes the following amendments to Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution: In the first paragraph, listing the offices which con-

stitute the management of the League, insert "(6) the Foreign Secretary" and renumber all subsequent offices; in the sixth paragraph, providing for annual election of officers, insert "the Foreign Secretary" after the words "the Treasurer."

Pursuant to Chapter X of the By-Laws, the following amendments to the By-Laws have been proposed in order to implement the proposed amendment to the Constitution: Section 3, Chapter III (Nominations by Nominating Committee) insert "the Foreign Secretary" after the word "Treasurer"; Section 8, Chapter III (Vacancies in office) insert "the Foreign Secretary" after the word "Treasurer"; Chapter IV (Duties of Officers) insert "Section 5. The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the A.F.L.A. with the F.I.E. and the various foreign fencing organizations; he shall keep complete files on all international matters and shall report to the Board of Governors any questions which in his opinion require the Board's attention." This insertion will require the renumbering of the present sections 5 and 6.

Views of present officers: The present officers are in favor of this amendment. The office of Foreign Secretary has heretofore been filled by presidential appointment. However, with the growing prestige of the League in international fencing affairs, the office has become a very important one and it is the opinion of the present management of the League that it should be filled by the more democratic elective method.

Unless instructed to the contrary, the present officers will vote all proxies received by them in favor of the adoption of this amendment.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE NON-DIVISIONAL GROUP

To all non-divisional members of the A.F.L.A.:

Please take notice that the annual meeting for non-divisional members will be held at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53 Street, at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 7th, 1951.

The agenda for this meeting includes the election of non-divisional members to the Board of Governors and the selection of a nominating committee for next year. Matters of local interest will be discussed and all members are urged to attend.

Dernel Every, Secretary



News from the Divisions

Southern California

By FRED LINKMEYER
Division Chairman

The Division has completed one of the most successful series of championship competitions in the history of this fast growing group. Thirty competitions have been held and the entry lists have been the largest since the organization of the division.

With the exception of the Prep and Novice Championships, all other competitions qualify the first three places for the Pacific Coast Championships which this year will be held in San Francisco on May 18th, 19th and 20th.

It is of interest to note the record made by the various fencing organizations in this division during the 1950-1951 period. On the basis of places won, the results are as follows:

| Organization | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. Pls. |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Los Angeles A.C. | 11 | 7 | 6 | 24 |
| Faulkner S. of F. | 6 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| Ingle-airs | 3 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| Cavaliers | | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Unattached | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Hollywood A.C. | | 2 | | 2 |
| Greco Acad. of Fencing | | | 1 | 1 |

The above figures are those of the individual competitions, while the record of first places in team competitions are as follows: Los Angeles Athletic Club 3, Faulkner School of Fencing 2, Hollywood Athletic Club 2, and Cavaliers 1.

The results of competitions not yet reported in American Fencing are as follows:

Women's Junior

1. Frances Tally, Los Angeles A. C.
2. Bonnie Merwin, Los Angeles A. C.
3. Izola Mitchell, Cavaliers

Women's Junior Team

Won by Faulkner School of Fencing (Katz, Mason, Maguire)

Women's Senior

1. Polly Craus, Faulkner S. F.
2. Janice York, Unattached
3. Maxine Mitchell, Cavaliers

Women's Open

1. Janice York, Unattached
2. Maxine Mitchell, Cavaliers
3. Polly Craus, Faulkner S. F.

Women's Open Team

Won by Faulkner School of Fencing (Craus, Meislahn, Rowe)

Open Foil Team

Won by Los Angeles A. M. (E. Carfagno, Lampl, Rice)

Open Foil

1. Ed Carfagno, Los Angeles A. C.
2. Sewall Shurtz, Faulkner S. F.
3. David Rice, Los Angeles A. C.

Junior Epee

1. William Morey, Ingle-airs
2. John Huntzinger, Ingle-airs
3. S. de Bellis, Ingle-airs

Junior Epee Team

Won by Cavaliers (Martin, Haun, Breitman, Korkegee)

Intermediate Epee

1. David Rice, Los Angeles A. C.
2. Harry Klein, Ingle-airs
3. Josef Lampl, Los Angeles A. C.

Senior Epee

1. Sewall Shurtz, Faulkner S. F.
2. Del Reynolds, Los Angeles A. C.

Open Epee Team

Won by Los Angeles Athletic Club (E. Carfagno, Reynolds, Tarbet, Linkmeyer)

Open Epee

1. Sewall Shurtz, Faulkner S. F.
2. Ed Carfagno, Los Angeles A. C.
3. Del Reynolds, Los Angeles A. C.

Junior Sabre Team

Won by Hollywood Athletic Club (Smits, Kaplan, Jumelet)

Senior Sabre

1. Sewall Shurtz, Faulkner A. C.
2. Carl Milletaire, Unattached
3. Torao Mori, Los Angeles A. C.

Open Sabre Team

Won by Los Angeles Athletic Club (E. Carfagno, Lampl, Mori)

Open Sabre

1. Torao Mori, Los Angeles A. C.
2. Herbert Sauke, Unattached
3. Sewall Shurtz, Faulkner S. F.

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Amateur Coach

Northern Ohio

By D. S. THOMPSON

The Open Sabre championship was defended successfully by John Shelley, Akron YMCA, when he defeated E. P. Quigley, amateur coach at Case, 5-2 in a fence-off. M. Rowley, Akron YMCA, was third. Fourteen competed.

E. P. Quigley outclassed a field of twelve to win the Open Epee Championship with eight consecutive victories. James Gosline, Sword & Mask Club, placed second while John Ford, Fenn College, defeated William Durrett, unattached, in a fence-off for third.



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Northern California

By FERARD LEICESTER
Division Secretary

Junior Sabre—7 entries

1. Wolford Wootan, U. of California, 6-0
2. Daniel DeLao, Halberstadt S. F., 4-2 (21 vs.)
3. Jack Adams, Halberstadt S. F., 4-2 (24 vs.)

Junior Sabre Team

Won by the Halberstadt School of Fencing (Jack Adams, Daniel DeLao, Loran Mebine) when they defeated the U. of California (Russell Campbell, Don Christensen, Wolford Wootan) 5-4 in the final match.

Prep Foils—8 entries

1. Jack Anderson, S. F. State College, 5-0
2. Tony Gex, S. F. State College, 4-1
3. Roland Bianchi, U. of California, 3-2

Intermediate Sabre—11 entries

1. Wolford Wootan, U. of California, 4-1*
2. Jack Baker, Olympic Club, 4-1*
3. Daniel DeLao, Halberstadt S. F., 3-2*

*Wootan d. Baker 5-2 in fence-off. DeLao took third on touches over Frank Giambra, Olympic Club.

Open Sabre Team

Won by the Olympic Club (Gerard Biagini, Jack Baker, Salvatore Giambra) when they defeated the Halberstadt School of Fencing (Daniel DeLao, Jack Adams, Loran Mebine) 8-1 in the final match.

Women's Open

1. "Tommy" Angell, Halberstadt S. F., 5-0
2. Eleanor Endorf, Halberstadt S. F., 3-2 (13 vs.)
3. Frances Carter, Halberstadt S. F., 3-2 (14 vs.)

Women's Open Team

The Halberstadt School of Fencing "A" team (Tommy Angell, Eleanor Endorf, Frances Carter) won the title in a three-cornered round-robin with the loss of only three bouts. The winners' "B" team placed second and the Funke Fencing Academy third. Eleanor Endorf was unbeaten in her six bouts.

New England

By MARTIN MARTINIAN
Division Secretary

The three-weapon championship was held at the Walker Memorial, M.I.T., with the following results:

1. Mohammed Riaz 4-0
2. Edward Washwell 3-1
3. Stanley Schmidt 2-2

The following are the results of the Division's annual championships:

Women's Open

1. Mrs. Harriet Brewster, Boston F. C.
2. Olympia Dukakis, Boston
3. Hannei Ehrenthal, Radcliffe

Epee

1. Edward Washwell, Boston F. C.*
2. Mohammed Riaz, Boston F. C.
3. Philip Gibber, M.I.T.

*Washwell won on a fence-off with Riaz

Sabre

1. Mohammed Riaz, Boston F. C.
2. Edward Washwell, Boston F. C.
3. Philip Shakespeare, unattached

Foil

1. Robert Dion, Boston F. C.*
2. Mario Abbate, M.I.T.
3. Philip Gibber, M.I.T.

*Dion won on a fence-off with Abbate

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Michigan

By HOWARD HAYDEN

The Division conducted a very large schedule and the quality of fencing was markedly better than in the past. Newcomers are pushing their way up. Eight events have already been reported on these pages, and the following 28 meets concluded the season:

Prep Foil

D. Williams, Highland Park
P. Davis, Wayne
R. Ovanic, Wayne

Women's Prep

J. Baldwin, MSC
J. Jamieson, Lapeer
M. Conley, MSC

Prep Sabre

R. Kruschensky, Highland Park
H. Stoelting, Wayne
B. Davis, Wayne

Prep Epee

B. Davis, Wayne
R. Gray, Lawrence Tech
J. Williams, Highland Park

Prep Foil Team

Highland Park H. S.
(Williams, Mackey, Semann)

Women's Prep Team

Highland Park H. S.
(Leighton, Carne, Raytis)

Women's Novice

N. Bitting, Highland Park
S. Lemon, Cooley H. S.
P. Smith, Cooley H. S.

Novice Foil Team

Highland Park H. S.
(Williams, Mackey, Semann)

Women's Novice Team

Highland Park H. S.
(Hill, Bitting, Leighton)

Novice Epee

R. Wegert, Grosse Pointe S. C.
J. Mylas, U. of Detroit
W. Gannon, Wayne

Novice Foil

A. Kunzman, U. of Detroit
D. Clinton, Highland Park J. C.
R. Derderian, Highland Park J. C.

Novice Sabre

J. Van Dagens, MSC
R. Pinchuk, Wayne
D. Clintono, Highland Park

Women's Jr. Team

Highland Park H. S.
(Hill, Bitting, Leighton)

Junior Epee

R. Totte, MSC
R. Berry, Highland Park
A. Jacobs, MSC

Junior Sabre

A. Schankin, Salle de Tuscan
J. Van Dagens, MSC
W. Pierson, MSC

Women's Junior

T. Mallman, Grosse Pointe
D. Hill, Highland Park
M. Johnson, Salle de Tuscan

Junior Foil

A. Kunzman, U. of Detroit
A. Schankin, Salle de Tuscan
D. Clinton, Highland Park

Intermediate Foil

G. Flynn, Grosse Pointe
A. Schankin, Salle de Tuscan
R. Pinchuk, Wayne

Intermediate Sabre

J. Campoli, Salle de Tuscan
A. Schankin, Salle de Tuscan
B. Davis, Wayne

Intermediate Epee

R. Berry, Highland Park
R. Wegert, Grosse Pointe S. C.
J. Campoli, Salle de Tuscan

Senior Sabre

H. Hayden, Salle de Tuscan
B. Krieger, Salle de Tuscan
J. Campoli, Salle de Tuscan

Women's Senior

C. Christensen, Salle de Tuscan
D. Hill, Highland Park
M. Johnson, Salle de Tuscan

Senior Epee

J. Campoli, Salle de Tuscan
G. Flynn, Grosse Pointe
L. Yulkowski, Lawrence Tech

Senior Foil

B. Krieger, Salle de Tuscan
G. Flynn, Grosse Pointe
D. Clinton, Highland Park

The Qualifying Rounds for the Nationals resulted as follows:

Women

Paula Sweeney, Salle de Tuscan
Carol Christensen, Salle de Tuscan
Lynn Twitchell, MSC
Carolyn Dörner, MSC

Foil

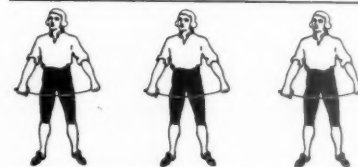
Greg Flynn, Grosse Pointe
Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan
Howard Hayden, Salle de Tuscan
Peter Young, Salle de Tuscan

Epee

Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan
Greg Flynn, Grosse Pointe
James Campoli, Salle de Tuscan
Richard Wegert, Grosse Pointe

Sabre

Howard Hayden, Salle de Tuscan
Byron Krieger, Salle de Tuscan
Arthur Schankin, Salle de Tuscan
James Campoli, Salle de Tuscan



NATIONAL SABRE TEAM CHAMPIONS

- 1910—New York A. C.: A. G. Anderson, C. A. Bill, F. J. Byrne.
1911—New York A. C.: A. G. Anderson, C. A. Bill, V. P. Curti.
1912—New York A. C.: A. G. Anderson, C. A. Bill, F. J. Byrne.
1913—New York A. C.: A. G. Anderson, C. A. Bill, F. J. Byrne.
1914—Fencers Club: A. S. Lyon, S. Pitt, J. T. Shaw.
1915—New York A. C.: A. G. Anderson, V. P. Curti, S. Hall.
1916—Fencers Club: (No Data).
1917—New York A. C.: S. Hall, L. G. Nunes, S. Pitt.
1918—No Competition.
1919—No Competition.
1920—Philadelphia F. C.: J. G. Bartol, A. R. Clapp, J. B. Parker.
1921—New York A. C.: S. Hall, C. R. McPherson, L. G. Nunes.
1922—New York A. C.: J. G. Bartol, C. R. McPherson, L. G. Nunes.
1923—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. E. Gignoux, L. H. Weld.
1924—Fencers Club: R. Peroy, L. M. Schoonmaker, H. VanBuskirk.
1925—Fencers Club: P. Calle, Lt. G. C. Calnan, R. Peroy.
1926—New York A. C.: Dr. J. E. Gignoux, L. G. Nunes, J. Vince.
1927—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, L. G. Nunes, J. Vince.
1928—New York A. C.: Dr. J. E. Gignoux, N. Muray, L. G. Nunes.
1929—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. R. Huffman, N. Muray.
1930—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, B. de Nagy, L. G. Nunes.
1931—New York A. C.: Dr. J. R. Huffman, B. de Nagy, L. G. Nunes.
1932—New York A. C.: Dr. J. R. Huffman, N. Muray, L. G. Nunes.
1933—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. R. Huffman, B. de Nagy.
1934—Fencers Club: Dr. N. C. Armitage, A. Muray, N. Muray.
1935—Salle d'Armes Vince: P. W. Bruder, J. A. Cerra, S. T. Stewart, Jr.
1936—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. R. Huffman, B. de Nagy.
1937—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. R. Huffman, S. T. Stewart, Jr.
1938—New York A. C.: Dr. J. R. Huffman, R. Marson, S. T. Stewart, Jr.
1939—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. R. Huffman, R. Marson.
1940—New York A. C.: Dr. E. S. Accl, Dr. J. R. Huffman, R. Marson, N. Muray.
1941—Salle Santelli: M. A. de Capriels, D. Cetrulo, Dr. T. Nyilas, G. Worth.
1942—New York A. C.: Dr. J. R. Huffman, R. Marson, R. Muray.
1943-1946—No Competition.
1947—Salle Santelli: M. A. de Capriels, D. Cetrulo, Dr. T. Nyilas, G. Worth.
1948—Salle Santelli: D. Cetrulo, J. Gorlin, Dr. T. Nyilas, G. Worth.
1949—Salle Santelli: J. Gorlin, A. Kwartler, Dr. T. Nyilas, G. Worth.
1950—New York A. C.: J. H. Flynn, R. Marson, N. Muray, S. T. Stewart, Jr.

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GREETINGS FROM Ralph Faulkner AND THE FALCONS

Minnesota

By PAUL E. DAHL
Division Secretary

The Divisional Championships resulted as follows:

Women's Foil

1. Ruth Foster, Minneapolis
2. Donna Arnold, Minneapolis
3. Doris Erickson, Minneapolis

Epee

1. Bryce Clark, St. Paul
2. William Marshall, U. of Minnesota
3. Robert Foster, Minneapolis

Sabre

1. Charles Bradley, St. Paul
2. Robert Foster, Minneapolis
3. William Balamut, Minneapolis

Three-Weapon

1. Paul Dahl, Minnetonka Twnshp.
2. William Marshall, U. of Minnesota
3. Robert Foster, Minneapolis

Intermediate Foil

1. Urban Couch, Minneapolis
2. William Balamut, Minneapolis
3. Ronald Kraut, St. Paul

Junior Foil

1. Urban Couch, Minneapolis
2. Robert Foster, Minneapolis
3. Ronald Kraut, St. Paul

Novice Foil

1. William Marshall, U. of Minnesota
2. Charles Bradley, St. Paul
3. Ronald Kraut, St. Paul

The Division's annual meeting elected the following officers for the 1951-52 season:

Robert Foster, Chairman; Charles Bradley, Vice Chairman; Paul E. Dahl, Secretary-Treasurer; William Balamut and Donna Arnold, Members of Executive Committee.

Gulf Coast

By OWEN HOLZHEUSER
Division Secretary

Open Foil—11 entries

1. W. T. Brown, Galveston Buccaneers
2. Horace Platt, Rice Institute
3. Leopold Ffrench, Rice Institute

Junior Sabre—8 entries

1. H. C. Holmes, A. & M. College
2. Bobby Myers, A. & M. College
3. Leopold Ffrench, Rice Institute

Women's Open—13 entries

1. Betty Fox, Houston Independents
2. Mrs. E. W. Abbott, Galveston F. C.
3. Lois Deshotels, Humble Club (Houston)

Sabre Team—4 entries

Won by the Rice Institute team composed of Platt, Ffrench and Gaucher. They defeated A. & M. College, Galveston Buccaneers and the Houston "Hot-Shots."

Illinois

By ALVIN E. ROSE
Division Chairman

Despite the entrance of many members into the armed forces, the Division has already surpassed last year's membership and is actively going ahead with a heavy schedule. Past issues have reported the very large number of events we have conducted, and herein are the results of recent competitions:

Open Foil Team was won by the University Club (Arthur Cohen, Bernard Fishman, Leon Strauss) when they defeated a Southern Illinois composite team (Leonard Atkin, Vincent D'Orazio, Allan Mills) in the final match. Ten teams competed for the cup donated by Mr. Camille Waldbott.

Open Epee Team was also won by the "A" team of the University Club (Charles Corbett, Donald Thompson, Leon Strauss) when it again nosed out a composite team from Southern Illinois (Leonard Atkin, Ronald Meyer, Charles Swensen). The winners received the Frank Righeimer trophy.

Five Women Team event was won by the Fencers Club of Chicago when it defeated two teams from Mundelein College. The winners ("Flip" Velander, Ruth Marcus, Lucille Cramer, Karen Hain, Inez Boler) received the Mrs. James Claflin trophy.

The High School State Championships for team and individual honors were dominated by the long-time title holders from Senn High School. Senn placed first and second in the team events, being represented by Herman Velasco, Larry Kauffman, Leonard Parmacek (Team I); Richard Fixler, Carl Rosenbloom, Lionel Rowe (Team II). Seven teams were entered. In the individuals, with twenty-two contestants, Herman Velasco (Senn) was first. Carl Roth (Lane) was second and Richard Fixler (Senn) third. Other finalists were: Lionel Rowe (Senn), Bruce Bachmann (Austin) and Larry Kauffman (Senn).

The Sabre Championship was won by Arthur Cohen, University Club, when he defeated his clubmate Donald Thompson 5-4 in the deciding bout. Both men had gone through the twelve-man event without a loss. Three other University Club men (Harold Taxel, Leon Strauss and August Nakagawa) placed third, fourth and fifth respectively while Lionel Bernstein, Fencers Club of Chicago, was the sixth finalist. The first four men qualified for the Nationals.

The Junior Foil Championship was won by David Clinton of the Highland Park F. C. (Detroit) who took away with him the individual trophy donated annually by Mr. Hans Fischer. Clinton lost only one bout during the entire event which had 32 entries. Second and third went to William Abraham and Carl Roth of the Fencers Club of Chicago. Future trophies will, at the request of Mr. Fischer, bear the name of Col. Edwin Emerson.

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Women's Open. For the second time this season Mrs. Sue Thompson (University Club), Mrs. Flip Velander (Fencers Club) and Miss Lucille Cramer (Fencers Club) placed one-two-three in an open competition. Nineteen girls competed, and the final of nine included Vera Jansone (Univ. Club), Karen Hain (Fencers Club), Rosita Fumo (Mundelein), Janet Parmalee (Mundelein), Anne Zakoian (unattached) and Agnes Reiter (Mundelein).

Open Foil Championship was won by Arthur Cohen (University Club) after three exciting fence-offs with his club-mate Donald Thompson, who was defending champion and finally placed second, and Edmond Zeisig of the Wisconsin Division who, with other fencers, came from Milwaukee for the competition. Twenty competed in this event which was also the qualifying round for the Nationals. Other Chicagoans to qualify were: Bernard Fishman and Leon Strauss (University Club); Richard Bright and Carl Roth (Fencers Club of Chicago). Carl Roth, 16-year-old high school student who started this season as a prep, earned his place in the national round by defeating Cohen in the finals for the second time in their two encounters. It was this upset which forced Cohen to win his second open championship by way of a fence-off.

Three hundred and fifty non-fencing spectators were entertained at a social fencing party given by Mundelein College. George Santelli was guest of honor, and fencers from Notre Dame, Detroit and the Fencers Club of Chicago were interested guests. The audience enthusiastically applauded a spectacular lesson and sabre bout between Mr. Santelli and Dr. John Huffman, and an exhibition of medieval sword and dagger fencing by Harold Louis, Director of the Fencers Club of Chicago, and his pupil Carl Roth.

St. Louis

By SANDRA S. TREMBLEY
Division Secretary

Junior Foil (6 entries)

1. Joseph Trembley
2. Giles Plew
3. Raymond Scheid

Junior Sabre (7 entries)

1. Joseph Trembley
2. Giles Plew
3. Robert Speare

Junior Epee (5 entries)

1. Giles Plew
2. Joseph Trembley
3. Robert Speare

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Divisional Epee Championship

The event drew six entries and was held at the YMCA strips. The regular round ended in a tie, and Capt. William McGarvey won on a fence-off. Results:

1. Capt. William McGarvey, Washington F. C., 4-1*
2. Charlesworth Dickerson, U. of Virginia, 4-1*
3. Warren Huguélet, Chicago F. C., 3-2 (10 vs., 13 for)
4. Robert Lewis, Baltimore F. C., 3-2 (10 vs., 12 for)
5. Clark Joel, Wash. YMCA, 1-4
6. James Baker, U. of Virginia, 0-5

*McGarvey d. Dickerson 3-2

Divisional Sabre Championship

There were eleven entries. The winner, Harold Newton, was undefeated in 10 bouts. Final Round scores:

1. Harold Newton, Wash. F. C., 5-0
2. Robert Lewis, Baltimore F. C., 4-1
3. Mdn. Harris Wood, US Naval Acad., 2-3 (18 vs.)
4. Dr. Richard Iskraut, Wash. F. C., 2-3 (21 vs.)
5. John MacVey, Wash. F. C., 1-4 (20 vs.)
6. Maj. Thomas Carhart, Wash. F. C., 1-4 (22 vs.)

Divisional 3-Weapon Championship

Eight men fenced a round-robin. Cdr. Hart Kait and Harold Newton tied for first with the Commander winning on a fence-off. Results:

1. Cdr. Hart Kait, Wash. F. C., 6-1*
2. Harold Newton, Wash. F. C., 6-1*
3. Dr. Hugh Salzberg, Wash. F. C., 5-2 (36 vs.)
4. Capt. William McGarvey, Wash. F. C., 5-2 (43 vs.)
5. Warren Huguélet, Chicago F. C., 2-5
6. James Collison, Syracuse U., 2-5
7. Maj. Thomas Carhart, Wash. F. C., 1-6
8. Dr. Richard Iskraut, Wash. F. C., 1-6

*Kait d. Newton 8-5

By HAROLD NEWTON
Division Secretary

Divisional Foil Championship

This event drew twelve entries and was won by Capt. Richard Steere, U.S.N., representing the Baltimore F. C. The champion was undefeated in the final of eight. Final Round scores:

1. Capt. Richard Steere, Balto F. C., 7-0
2. Robert Lewis, Balto. F. C., 6-1
3. Harold Newton, Wash. F. C., 5-2
4. Capt. Lucius Foster, Wash. F. C., 3-4 (27 vs.)
5. Maj. Thomas Carhart, Wash. F. C., 3-4 (31 vs.)
6. Cdr. Hart Kait, Wash. F. C., 2-5
7. Daniel Lyons, Wash. F. C., 1-6 (33 vs.)
8. Warren Huguélet, Chicago F. C., 1-6 (34 vs.)

Divisional Women's Championship

Miss Abbie Herring, Baltimore F. C., was undefeated in the event which attracted eight entries. Results were:

1. Miss Abbie Herring, Balto. F. C., 7-0
2. Mrs. Gisella Trurnit, Balto. F. C., 5-2
3. Miss Vickie Kuhn, Wash. YMCA, 4-3 (18 vs.)
4. Mrs. Ann Cruger-Hansen, Wash. YMCA, 4-3 (21 vs.)
5. Mrs. Penny Newton, Wash. F. C., 3-4 (19 vs.)
6. Miss Jeanne Weiser, Wash. YMCA, 3-4 (22 vs.)
7. Miss Sabina Godwin, Wash. F. C., 2-5
8. Miss June Ford, Balto. F. C., 0-7

The annual elections for the Division were held on April 22nd and resulted as follows:

- Chairman: Lt. Col. Thomas J. Hayes, 3d.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Irving Cantor
Secy-Treasurer: Mr. Harold Newton
Chairmen of Bout Committees:
Foil—Mr. Clark Joel
Epee—Capt. William McGarvey
Sabre—Cdr. Hart Kait and Maj. Thomas Carhart
Women—Mrs. Diane Millstein

New Jersey

By MARCEL TETAZ Division Chairman

Our annual 3-weapon team competition, an outdoor event, was held at Plainfield on May 6th and drew a record crowd. The weatherman favored the 33 contestants from 8 clubs in this interesting event.

The team competition was run in round robins of each weapon with prizes for the three top teams and individual prizes to the top three men in each pool.

The team crown was won by a very strong New York A. C. team composed of a present and two former National champions: Giolito in foil; Santos in epee, and Flynn in sabre. Second place went to the "A" team of the Philadelphia F. C. (Altabef, Makler, Rubinstein), and third to the Salle Mercado (Oldstein, Turk, Zaum).

The individual pools resulted as follows: Foil—Silvio Giolito, New York A. C., William Thomas, N. Y. U., and Vincent Surdi, N. J.; Epee—Paul Makler, Philadelphia F. C., Henrique Santos, New York A. C., and Leonard Turk, Mercado; Sabre—Wilfred Ritayik, Saltus, James Flynn, New York A. C., and Robert Zaum, Mercado.

INTERNATIONAL ITEM

The 32nd Congress of the F.I.E. convened in Paris on April 6 and 7. Thirty nations were represented, and Japan and Bulgaria were granted affiliation at the meeting.

The Congress officially accepted the discontinuance of double-losses in epee, but the new Rule is not to become effective in F.I.E. tournaments until after the 1952 Olympic Games. The new rule also provides that if the score becomes 3-3 either by a double touch or the expiration of the time limit, the deciding touch must be fenced to determine the winner, but the score sheet must read: "W-3 and L-3." In other words, both men are charged with three touches against even though one gains credit for a bout victory.

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Where do you fit in? What contribution have you made? Progress depends to a large extent upon the great leaders in every walk of life, and fencing is no exception. But everyone cannot be a great leader, and it is the lesser leaders who are the real backbone of any organization.

The Fencing Instructor who holds regular classes is doing his part; the Coach working to produce a championship team is a leader of importance; those who exhibit their talents and stimulate others to emulate them are making a worthwhile effort; the lecturers, photographers, writers, organizers and officials contribute much to the promotion of fencing. We can all do more if we put the cause of fencing before personal glory. Interest others in your sport and take a more active part in its development. Unselfish service is a source of great personal satisfaction.

Wardell Jenkins

Maryland

The Qualifying Rounds for the Nationals produced the following results:

Women: (1) Gisela Trurnit (2) Abbie Herring (3) Jane Burger (4) Rosalie Causey.

Foil: (1) Eaton Bayor (2) Capt. Richard Steere, USN (3) John Smith (4) Robert Lewis.

Epee: (1) Paul Utterback (2) Robert Lewis (3) Fred Eckhart (5) Charles McLaughlin.

Sabre: (1) Harris Wood (2) Robert Lewis (3) Bernard Udel (4) Seymour Levin.



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Border Division

By ERNEST BOURJAILY
Division Secretary

The first Annual Divisional Finals were held at Tucson at the University of Arizona and the Tucson YMCA. The results were:

Junior Foil—(1) Hilary Sandoval, (2) Irving Kipnis, (3) Allan Marshick

Junior Epee—(1) Hilary Sandoval, (2) Dudley Stillinger, (3) Paul Barbour

Junior Sabre—(1) Irving Kipnis, (2) Paul Barbour, (3) Hilary Sandoval

Women's Novice—(1) Gail Gibbon, (2) Feral Anne Farmer (3) Marietta Windsor

Novice Foil—(1) Allan Marshick, (2) Thomas Schetter, (3) Wilfred Lescarbeau

Novice Epee—(1) Allan Marshick, (2) Thomas Schetter, (3) John Kress

Novice Sabre—(1) Paul Barbour, (2) Allan Marshick, (3) Samuel Yip

Following the Division Finals, a three-weapon team event was held between the U. of Arizona and the Sala Windsor of El Paso. The Unicorns of Sala Windsor was the victor in a close match and the University of Arizona donated a cup to the winning team.

Although the Division only received its Charter last September, the membership has grown to an active group of 49. Special awards were given to the Division founders: Albert Weber, Ernest Bourjaily, Col. T. F. Windsor, Hilary Sandoval and Irving Kipnis. Dudley Stillinger received the Sportsmanship award.

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North Texas

By HELEN GRAY
Division Secretary

Our season has been very successful thus far, with the following results:

Women's Prep

1. Terry LoPresti, Dallas
2. Mona Coston, Texas State College
3. Mary Ann Gay, Fort Worth

Women's Novice

1. Terry LoPresti, Dallas
2. Terry Kantrowitz, Texas State College
3. Babette Ehlers, Texas State College

Women's Junior

1. Carolyn Cummins, Texas State College
2. Terry Kantrowitz, Texas State College
3. Terry LoPresti, Dallas

Women's Intermediate

1. Carolyn Cummins, Texas State College
2. Helen Gray, Dallas
3. Mildred Lyday, Dallas

Women's Open

1. Helen Gray, Dallas
2. Terry LoPresti, Dallas
3. Carolyn Cummins, Texas State College

Prep Foil

1. William Peplow, Tarleton State College
2. Robert McElyea, Tarleton
3. Leroy Meggs, Tarleton

Novice Foil

1. Fred Reed, Tarleton
2. Roddy Hobson, Tarleton
3. Leroy Meggs, Tarleton

Intermediate Foil

1. Jim Moss, Tarleton
2. Calvin Thomas, Tarleton
3. John Clayton, Tarleton

Open Foil

1. George Beakley, Tarleton
2. Bill Spinks, Texas Tech
3. Travis Smith, Texas Tech

Prep Epee

1. Leroy Meggs, Tarleton
2. Judson Gresham, Tarleton
3. Clyde Eckols, Tarleton

Novice Epee

1. Fred Reed, Tarleton
2. Charles Coleman, Dallas
3. Calvin Thomas, Tarleton

Junior Epee

1. Don Chaney, Dallas
2. Carl Williams, Tarleton
3. Jim Moss, Tarleton

Open Epee

1. Hal Lattimore, Fort Worth
2. Jim Moss, Tarleton
3. Robert Nutt, Tarleton

Prep Sabre

1. Russ Hudspeth, Tarleton
2. Calvin Thomas, Tarleton
3. Judson Gresham, Tarleton

Novice Sabre

1. Fred Reed, Tarleton
2. Carl Williams, Tarleton
3. John Clayton, Tarleton

Junior Sabre

1. Fred Reed, Tarleton
2. James Thompson, Tarleton
3. John Clayton, Tarleton

Intermediate Sabre

1. Bill Spinks, Texas Tech
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3. Roddy Hobson, Tarleton

Open Sabre

1. Bill Spinks, Texas Tech
2. Dean Leggett, Texas Tech
3. Roddy Hobson, Tarleton

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Florida

By LUCILLE HEINTZ
Division Chairman

The Florida State Women's Championship was won by Miss Marge Brady, Sarasota F. C. Second place went to Miss Tracy Augustine, club-mate of the champion, while third was won by Miss Marian Moats of the University of Tampa.

The State Championship in the men's foil division was won by George Hoppet of the University of Tampa. Second went to Mel Augustine of the Sarasota F. C., and third to Ted Price, unattached.

Thirty-five fencers competed in the championship events which were held at the Lido Casino at Sarasota.

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THE PARRY OF PRIME

By T. WINDSOR, NFCAA

The writer lays no claim to originality in the subject matter of this article. I rather present again, in a somewhat different way, an old and valuable parry which has slipped into disuse with the passage of time.

It has been argued by some of the more modern writers on fencing that the parry of prime was too slow; that the point of the weapon was out of line and that in assuming the position of the parry the body was vulnerable to the attack of the opponent. Many young and able coaches of today have accepted these theories without investigation; merely taking the writers' word for the whole truth.

To go into the parry by swinging the point of the foil widely to the right or left (whipping the blade) as the point is lowered and at the same time turning the hand from supination to pronation is a very risky action, because this leaves one side or the other of the target exposed to the opponent's lunge. Thus do most fencers, through lack of knowledge, perform the parry. This manner of going into the prime parry is a series of errors, for this is but a series of forearm movements, awkward even though instinctive, and crude.

Now the following is proposed for your trial and investigation: Use non-resistance as a key to the secret of the correct use of the parry of prime. As your opponent starts his lunge, permit your own foil point to drop directly downward by natural gravity, holding the weapon in a semi-relaxed hand. Thus will your foil point travel in the true vertical from the on guard position to a position, still directly in front of you with the point of the foil directed toward the floor. Now for the parry. If you propose to protect the lines of four or seven, tighten your fingers around the handle of the foil as you roll, in a flowing motion, your hand into pronation. Traverse the hand in a horizontal line to the left where your blade will contact the blade of your adversary and carry it clear of your lines of four and

seven. For protection of the lines of six and eight, your hand is rolled into pronation and the opponent's blade is carried to the right. In this manner you have at no time left exposed any part of your body. Those who wish to argue before making a trial of what I have suggested will immediately point out that the opponent will avoid the parry by a quick coupe or cut over. To this I merely point out that an alert fencer can change the horizontal movement of his foil on the instant the coupe is being made, while the opponent cannot disengage or double because your foil forms a vertical car in front of you as a protection against such movement. I suggest to my pupils a half retreat as the parry of prime is being made. One hand of caution here: do not try to change the hand from supination to pronation until after the point of your foil is pointed toward the floor. I also suggest that this parry be practiced before a mirror or with an upright bar in front of you so that the tendency to whip the blade to the right or left may be overcome; and the point be always dropped directly downward.

We have considered the parry of prime from the purely defensive angle. Now let us consider it as a prelude to a counter action. At the completion of the parry your foil is in a direct line with your opponent but with the point of the foil directed toward the floor. We have established our right of way by making the parry, contacting the blade of the opponent. We can take advantage of our right of way by the simple expedient of pushing upward and forward with our thumb, which will immediately carry the foil point up to a little above the groin line of your adversary. If a lunge is required, do not make the mistake of trying to bring your hand back into supination. Any attempt to change the hand from pronation to supination will cause a swing of the point.

The parry of prime has been neglected or misused too long. Let's brush the dust off this splendid parry and put it back into our repertoire and use it as an effective measure.

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The Care and Feeding of Electrical Epees

In the early part of this season I was in charge of the electrical equipment for the competitions in the Metropolitan area, and in this capacity had the opportunity to observe the fencers and their weapons as well. Through a careful study of both I was able to discover some of the main causes of the different types of breakdowns of the electrical epee.

My most interesting observation was that the less experienced the fencer, the more trouble he had, actual or imaginary, with his electrical epees. I noted that the inexperienced fencer seemed to feel the necessity of hitting very hard in order to make the plunger recede and score a touch. He would many times literally lift his opponent from the floor by the force of his hit. This is not only contrary to good fencing but also is entirely opposed to the delicate construction of the electrical epee. In making these unnecessarily powerful thrusts the fencer will bend his blade badly and ruin his epees much faster than he would under ordinary conditions. As a matter of fact, a hit made with the normal amount of pressure will cause the plunger to recede smoothly, whereas a hit made when too much strength is applied too suddenly might cause the plunger to jam against the side of the sleeve and therefore not register a touch. This happened in many cases and since the fencer was under the impression that he had hit squarely he would try to find fault with his epee or with the scoring machine and consequently slow down the competition unnecessarily.

Another thing which I noticed was that when a blade was bent during the competition the fencer would attempt to straighten it in the same manner he would a foil or regular epee. That is by putting it on the floor and running the sole of his shoe over it. By doing this the fencer will cause undue

damage to his epee because the soft sole of his shoe can very easily enter the wired groove, scratch off the insulation, and cause short circuits. In the event that the blade does bend, the fencer should gently straighten it with his hand.

Another common abuse is testing the epee by jamming the point against the floor. In so doing, while the point is firmly imbedded in the rubber mat, any slight turn of the hand might cause the point to unscrew and come loose from the blade. If this happens, the sleeve must be screwed back to the blade by first removing the point and the spring inside the sleeve or else the wire will tear off and put the epee out of commission. To avoid all this trouble, the fencer should test the epee with his finger.

One of the flaws which is particularly prevalent is one that results from constant usage. The spring which keeps the plunger away from contact loses its resiliency and the epees start to make touches before the prescribed pressure (26.455 oz.) is applied. This can be temporarily adjusted by removing the spring and pulling it apart until it will be able to withstand the necessary pressure. Of course, the best thing to do is to replace the worn spring with a new one.

I found that some epees will not ground the hit on the guard. This is due mainly to the fact that the guard has become rusty or dirty. My advice is that each competitor should clean his guard with emory paper and then rub it with a rag soaked in gasoline to remove grease spots or other dirt. The competitor is after all responsible for his own electrical epees and it is to his advantage to see to it that they are kept in the best of condition.

There are of course many other technical aspects relating to the maintenance and repair of electrical epees which I cannot enumerate here. However, if any problems might arise regarding the electrical epee please feel free to write or call

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..... Mid West Championships

By SCOTT D. BRECKINRIDGE, JR.
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The Mid West Manual, published in mimeograph form in 1949 by the Michigan Division, gives the following account of the early beginnings of the Mid West organization as an official part of the Amateur Fencers League of America:

"About the year 1933 fencers in the midwestern states, finding the financial burden of attending National Championships in New York too great for the slim resources of the times, conceived the idea of holding local championships. Under the guidance of Dr. Royall Snow, Columbus, Madison Dobbs, Cleveland, Norman Benham, Detroit, Ralph Bristol, Detroit, Lon Hocker, St. Louis; Frank Righeimer, Chicago, and with the aid of national officers Leon Schoonmaker and Howard Hanway by letter of permission dated Mar. 20, 1934, the first Mid West Championships were held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1934."

The present membership by division is as follows: Columbus, St. Louis, Northern Ohio, Michigan, Chicago, Miami Valley, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Central Illinois, with Kentucky and Buffalo as participating divisions. The tournament is rotated among the divisions, the next being scheduled for May 19 and 20 in Lexington, Kentucky. The next tournament is expected to see the entry of at least one new guest division, representatives of the Georgia Division having expressed a desire to attend.

Although each division is allowed to enter four competitors in each weapon, for the purposes of determining the team championships only the score of the two highest scorers from each division is counted. This system was devised in an effort to equalize the competitive quantity and quality of small and large divisions.

Individual and team winners over the years have been:

1934—AT COLUMBUS

Foil, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Ralph Bristol (Mich.), Oscar Barab (Ill.); **Epee**, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Kaufer (?), Alfred Sauer (Mich.); **Sabre**, Lon Hocker (St.L.), Alex Solomon (St.L.), Harry Lutz (Mich.); **Women**, Jeanne Vical (St.L.), Joanne de Tuscan (Mich.), M. Rice (?); **Champion Division**, Illinois.

1935—AT ST. LOUIS

Foil, Campbell Wilson (Ill.), Oscar Barab (Ill.), Howard Hayden (Mich.); **Epee**, Norman Rothenheber (St.L.), Earl Correll (?), Robert Miller (St.L.); **Sabre**, Lon Hocker (St.L.), Robert Witte (Ill.), Oscar Barab (Ill.); **Women**, Joanna de Tuscan (Mich.), Jeanne Miller (St.L.), Kathleen Hughes-Hallett (Mich.); **Champion Division**, St. Louis.

1936—AT DETROIT

Foil, Ralph Bristol (Mich.), Albert Di Giacinto (St.L.), Campbell Wilson (Ill.); **Epee**, Campbell Wilson (Ill.), Conway Briscoe (St.L.), Kenneth Krentel (Mich.); **Sabre**, Lon Hocker (St.L.), Howard Hayden (Mich.), Charles Schmitter (Mich.); **Women**, Kathleen Hughes-Hallett (Mich.), Beatrice Roberts (Mich.), Ruth Cish (Mich.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1937—AT CHICAGO

Foil, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Albert Di Giacinto (St.L.), Campbell Wilson (Ill.); **Epee**, Henry Lemon (Ill.), Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Norman Rothenheber (St.L.); **Sabre**, Eugene Williams (Ill.), Alex Solomon (St.L.), Lon Hocker (St.L.); **Women**, Loretta Thoman (N. Ohio), Arvilla Droll (St.L.), Violet Wilhelm (N. Ohio); **Champion Division**, Illinois.

1938—AT CLEVELAND

Foil, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Oscar Barab (Ill.), Karl Hanisch (Mich.); **Epee**, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Morris Glass (Mich.), Howard Hayden (Mich.); **Sabre**, Alex Solomon (St.L.), Howard Hayden (Mich.), Charles Schwab (?); **Women**, Gerda Michels (Mich.), Kathleen Hughes-Hallett (Mich.), Ann Deleard (Ill.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1939—AT COLUMBUS

Foil, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Robert Fickell (Columbus), Douglas Deppe (N. Ohio); **Epee**, Loyal Tingley (Ill.), Robert Fickell (Columbus), Frank Righeimer (Ill.); **Sabre**, William Osis (Mich.), Karl Hanisch (Mich.), Edward Gustafson (Ill.); **Women**, Carol King (Ill.), Gerda Michels (Mich.), Cornelia Sanger (Mich.); **Champion Division**, Illinois.

1940—AT ST. LOUIS

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), William Hammond (Mich.), Gerald Mau (Ill.); **Epee**, Loyal Tingley (Ill.), Saul Karch (Mich.), Owen Reamer (Cent. Ill.); **Sabre**, Lon Hocker (St.L.), Alex Solomon (St.L.), Byron Krieger (Mich.); **Women**, Carol King (Ill.), Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Buriel Witte (St.L.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1941—AT DETROIT

Foil, Frank Righeimer (Ill.), Gerald Mau (Ill.), Oscar Barab (Ill.); **Epee**, Saul Karch (Mich.), Loyal Tingley (Ill.), George Gafford (?); **Sabre**, William Osis (Mich.), Joseph Straus (Ill.), Robert Miller (St.L.); **Women**, Paula Sweeney (Mich.), May Brady (St.L.), Edna Gustafson (St.L.); **Champion Division**, Illinois.

1942—AT CHICAGO

Foil, Gerald Mau (Ill.), Oscar Barab (Ill.), Fred Siebert (St.L.); **Epee**, Loyal Tingley (Ill.), Ivan Gilbert (Columbus), Fred Siebert (St.L.); **Sabre**, Raymond Siener (Ill.), Arthur Cohen (Ill.), Charles Paumer (Ill.); **Women**, Carol King Dorris (St.L.), Edna Gustafson (St.L.), Paula Sweeney (Mich.); **Champion Division**, Illinois.

1943—AT DETROIT

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Madison Dodds (N. Ohio), William Osis (Mich.); **Epee**, Gregory Flynn (Mich.), Lawrence Platt (Mich.), George Wlodyga (Mich.); **Sabre**, Howard Hayden (Mich.), William Osis (Mich.), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus); **Women**, Normaleen Richardson (Mich.), Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Shirley Schecter (?); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1944—AT CLEVELAND

Foil, Ivan Gilbert (Columbus), Byron Krieger (Mich.), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus); **Epee**, Ivan Gilbert (Columbus), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus), Charles Johns (Cleveland); **Sabre**, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Richard Watson (Mich.), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus); **Women**, Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Normaleen Richardson (Mich.), Ella Kuehls (Cleveland); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1945—AT COLUMBUS

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus), Ivan Gilbert (Columbus); **Epee**, Ivan Gilbert (Columbus), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus), Gerald Taines (Mich.); **Sabre**, Byron Krieger (Columbus), Ralph Goldstein (Miami), Gerald Taines (Mich.); **Women**, Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Normaleen Richardson (Mich.), Connie Schermer (Miami); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1946—AT DAYTON

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Benjamin Burtt (Columbus), Ralph Goldstein (Miami); **Epee**, Ralph Goldstein (Miami), Loyal Tingley (Ill.), Charles Corbett (Ill.); **Sabre**, Ralph Goldstein (Miami), Charles Corbett (Ill.), Arthur Cohen (Ill.); **Women**, Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Sallye Pickens (Mich.), Alice Youskievicz (N. Ohio); **Champion Division**, Illinois.

1947—AT CHICAGO

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Arthur Cohen (Ill.), Albert Wolff (Ky.); **Epee**, Gregory Flynn (Mich.), Byron Krieger (Mich.), Howard Fried (N. Ohio); **Sabre**, Howard Hayden (Mich.), Arthur Cohen (Ill.), Albert Wolff (Ky.); **Women**, Mary Grenander (Ill.), Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Carol K. Dorris (St.L.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1948—AT MILWAUKEE

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Albert Wolff (Ky.), Patrick Quigley (N. Ohio); **Epee**, Albert Wolff (Ky.), George Wlodyga (Mich.), Donald Thompson (Ill.); **Sabre**, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Allan Kwartler (Mich.), Arthur Cohen (Ill.); **Women**, Carol K. Dorris (St.L.), Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Mary Grenander (Ill.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1949—AT CLEVELAND

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Arthur Cohen (Ill.), Edgar Micleff (Mich.); **Epee**, Albert Wolff (Ky.), Scott Breckinridge (Ky.), Lionel Bernstein (Ill.); **Sabre**, Byron Krieger (Mich.), John Westley (Ill.), Lionel Bernstein (Ill.); **Women**, Paula Sweeney (Mich.), June Krieger (Mich.), Carol Christensen (Mich.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

1950—AT COLUMBUS

Foil, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Peter Young (Mich.), Edgar Micleff (Mich.); **Epee**, Donald Thompson (Ill.), Lincoln Turner (Ill.), Leon Youlkowski (Mich.); **Sabre**, Byron Krieger (Mich.), Richard Yassenchak (Mich.), John Westley (Ill.); **Women**, Paula Sweeney (Mich.), Lynn Twitchell (Mich.), Estelle Atkins (Central Ill.); **Champion Division**, Michigan.

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